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Seven-year-old Jeralyn MacRae of Minden gives Santa Claus a hug following the annual Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, Nov. 23. Children had their photos taken with Santa at the Bowron House at the Minden Cultural Centre. See parade photos on page 10.

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Township flood costs approaching 400K

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

While the spring flood caused millions of dollars in damage to homes and businesses, it also brought significant costs for the township of Minden Hills itself.

Total costs have not yet been tabulated, but are approaching \$400,000.

An interim cost summary from Minden Hills treasurer Lorrie Blanchard shows flood-related expenses for the township so far at just more than \$370,000.

They include nearly \$65,000 in wages and benefits for staff overtime and call-ins; more than \$10,000 in municipal equipment costs; nearly \$5,000 in communication costs; nearly \$135,000 in waste removal and disposal; more than \$70,000 in inspections, maintenance and repairs; more than \$27,000 for supplies and equipment; nearly \$8,000 for preliminary repairs to the Minden Hills fire hall; and a \$50,000 insurance deductible.

There was also about \$600 in other miscellaneous costs.

Blanchard told the *Times* the township is still working through some of the infrastructure costs from the flood and additional waste disposal costs.

Insurance will cover repairs to the fire hall, as well as minor work that was required at Rotary Park and along Riverwalk.

Under the public portion of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program, the province can cover up to 100 per cent of municipal costs and Blanchard said it's her hope that the province will take care of those costs not covered by insurance.

It was estimated in the spring that the flooding that left part of Minden under water for three weeks could cost the township as much as \$800,000.

The township has until June of 2014 to submit its final report.

There were \$1.8 million in claims to the private component of ODRAP from residents and business owners.

While original private damage estimates totalled almost \$4 million, more people than expected received help from their insurance companies for flood damage.

The Township of Minden Hills was in a state of emergency for three weeks during the flood that began April 19.

MPP Laurie Scott's bill calls on Libs to open books

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Ontario's Liberal government will be opening up its books for the public whenever an election is called after a private members' bill from Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott received support at its second reading on Nov. 21.

— the type of election that could get called at any time with a minority government.

"We got them in a loophole," Scott said. "They had nothing in the regulations for a spring election. We think maybe in the next six months we'll be going to the polls."

The financial report will be reviewed by the province's auditor general.

"People need to be able to look at the numbers before they go to the polls," the MPP said, taking a jab at the Liberals for their ongoing political woes. "Should I name the scandals?"

Scott was quick to fire off the examples of the gas plant, E-health and ORNGE scandals, which stemmed from former premier Dalton McGuinty's rule and have been dogging current Premier Kathleen Wynne.

The MPP said there was unanimous support for the bill, although that was unclear at first.

"[The Liberals] never said they were going to support it," Scott said. "We didn't know until the end."

The bill must still go to committee and come back for third reading before it becomes law. Its passing means that the requirement for pre-election financial reports will apply to all future minority elections.

Festive season starts with RIDE program

The OPP's annual RIDE program is underway.

The Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere campaign began Nov. 23 and will continue until Jan. 2 and will have officers doing random spot checks for motorists drinking and driving.

"Our most recent national statistics tell us that there were 90,277 impaired driving incidents in Canada in 2011 and I am proud to say that Ontario had one of the lowest impaired driving rates among all of the provinces that year," deputy commissioner Larry Beechey said in a press release. "We attribute this to a combination of targeted police enforcement and education efforts by all safety partners, combined with the motoring public's generally favourable compliance with impaired driving laws, their awareness of the risks and their will-

ingness to be a part of the solution."

During the last two RIDE campaigns in 2011 and 2012, OPP officers issued a total of 1,208 warn range suspensions over and above the 1,375 impaired driving charges they laid throughout the province.

Those who are issued a warn range suspension immediately lose their licence at the roadside and are not allowed to drive from that point on for a minimum of three days.

The OPP is asking the public to join in on the conversation on Facebook during the campaign. Share your thoughts, stories and personal experiences with impaired drivers/driving, as well as any positive stories about people you encounter over the holidays whose actions and decisions about drinking and driving contribute to a safe holiday season on our roads.







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Proposed OPP billing changes worry AH

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Changes that may be coming down the pipeline for Ontario Provincial Police services have rural municipalities up in arms and Algonquin Highlands is no exception. Councilors discussed the new billing model at their Nov. 21 meeting, with treasurer Tammy McKelvey delivering the bad news.

"For our municipality this is something we can't even consider affording," said McKelvey.

The proposed changes would see the township of Algonquin Highlands go from paying \$76 per household to a cost of \$369 per household.

The proposal means the municipality will see an overall increase of \$829,204 to the cost of policing, totaling about \$1.2 million.

"These costs are impossible for us," said Reeve Carol Moffatt.

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The township is currently policed by the Minden and Huntsville detachments, said the reeve.

Moffatt said she has spoken to the other reeves within the municipality, who are in a similar situation, and wants to discuss the issue at the county level.

She has also expressed concerns to the Association of Municipalities Ontario.

"This will require some serious lobbying," said the reeve, adding small municipalities will need to band together.

Algonquin Highlands currently pays approximately \$344,000 for policing services.

The reeve told council she had sent Tweets out to Premier Kathleen Wynne and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Linda Jeffrey, but as of last week had heard no response.

"We've got a little bit of work ahead of us," said Moffatt.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen said she was concerned the OPP hadn't contacted some municipalities throughout the

province, including Algonquin Highlands.

"I have a real issue with that," she said.

Danielsen also referenced a feeling at the county level that Haliburton County is not well represented by AMO.

Without provincial funding Algonquin Highlands is looking at a grim future, with no money available for items such as museums, trucks and recreational facilities, said Moffatt.

"I don't want to live in that community," she said.

Any transitional funding offered by the province will just "delay the pain," said Moffatt.

The township is already facing an eight and a half per cent wage increase for OPP in its 2014 budget, said McKelvey.

Current costs for OPP services range from less than \$100 to more than \$600 per household across municipalities, according to AMO.

More information on the proposed billing model will be coming to council in the future.

Ugly sweaters are in for Community Care



Darren Lum Staff

Residents got festive at the Community Care Haliburton County annual Bowl-a-thon at the Fast Lane in Minden on Saturday, Nov. 23. This year's event theme was ugly Christmas sweaters. The event drew 35 participants, who helped raise close to \$1,250.

Left, Dale Robinson shows off his ugly sweater.

Above, Bev Alexander and June Fortune of Minden react to teammates shot at the Community Care Haliburton County annual Bowl-a-thon.



The Up River Trading Co. won best in show with this tree at this year's Festival of Trees.



The Festival of Trees offered a wide selection of Christmas trees from the traditional to the more avant garde, like the Silver Stars Tree by County Sign and Display, at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden on Saturday, Nov. 23.



A close up of the Merry Music Tree by Pat Campbell at the Festival of Trees event in Minden at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Saturday, Nov. 23. The annual winter event featured 33 Christmas trees and 70 draws, which included gift baskets and wreaths.

Minden gets festive with trees

Photos by Darren Lum



The Festival of Trees had Christmas on display with some 33 trees like It's Magic by Jos H. Smith, left, and Snowman tree by Floyd Hall Ltd. in the school house of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

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Policing costs could soar across county

➤ New OPP funding formula to hit local townships hard

Jenn Watt
Editor

In Dysart et al, policing costs are forecasted to increase 156 per cent by 2015 – from \$144 per household this year to \$369 one year later.

Similar increases are possible for the county's other municipalities, with both Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands councils decrying the change at last week's meetings.

They pay \$134 and \$76 respectively and will both end up paying the \$369 per household cost.

For Dysart, that increase means \$1,686,043 in extra tax dollars.

The increase is unfair, says Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, who hopes municipalities' concerns will force the province to change the model.

"I think they are floating trial balloons to see what the reaction is," he said.

"I hope they are, because if that's what they intend on doing there's probably going to be a lot of municipalities that will hand them the keys and say, you run it, province, because we can't put people out of their houses and that's what these kinds of increases will do."

Fearrey said paying for provincial police through property tax makes little sense and disproportionately affects areas like Haliburton, that have large seasonal populations.

"[T]o turn around and say you're going to count seasonal residents as putting the same amount of pressure on [police] as fulltime residents, that's not even reasonable," he said.

According to the reeve, Dysart will be billed for about 7,400 residents, when about 3,000 of those are fulltime.

Additionally, as of Jan. 1, the OPP will be giving its officers a 8.5 per cent wage increase, something Fearrey said is ill-timed.

The new model came after the province's auditor general flagged the billing model as unclear and imbalanced.

Consultation was done with 65 Ontario municipalities asking how they would like to be billed and 324 municipalities were surveyed about changing the model.

The proposed model, which hasn't yet been enacted, bills in two parts: the base services at \$260 per house-

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For others [with costs going up] ... they want a lot of notice and then phased implementation with new mitigation money.

— Monika Turner
Director of Policy

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

hold a year and calls for service (at about 27 per cent of the cost) for "reactive" calls.

While the costs in Haliburton County would go up substantially, those in other municipalities are set to drop.

In neighbouring Bancroft, each household currently pays about \$660 a year – a number its council has been actively campaigning to change for years.

The new model, in that council's opinion, is a god-send.

Bancroft's Mayor Bernice Jenkins told her council she was "elated" by the new model, saying her town had been front and centre in lobbying for change.

The policy director for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Monika Turner, said her challenge is representing the winners and losers in creating a new model.

AMO has been in talks with the OPP throughout the process and Turner says she has advocated for two separate implementations – one for those whose costs are dropping and another to help those whose costs are going up.

"Those who have been paying too much, we're asking that the government bring them down and start mitigating those costs now," said Turner.

"Whereas for the others [with costs going up]... they want a lot of notice and then phased implementation with new mitigation money," she said.

Even with a phased approach, AMO has been telling the province that more money needs to be injected to soften what will be a "massive increase" for some small municipalities.

That said, the decision is in the hands of the OPP, which has been consulting with AMO and municipalities for more than a year.

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our editorial

Highway robbery

ONTARIANS ARE BEING robbed by the OPP.

A new funding formula for policing expenses in the province is sticking up some communities, particularly ones in this county, with increased costs that are unjustified, unsustainable and outrageous.

Last week, Algonquin Highlands council discussed how the new formula would increase the township's policing costs by \$800,000 in 2014.

That's an increase of \$800,000 for a township with current annual policing costs of less than \$350,000.

That's an increase of more than 200 per cent, from \$76 per household to \$260 per household. It could be as high as \$369, including calls for service. That's beyond unacceptable. It's insane.

Reeve Carol Moffatt said rightfully last week that the proposed costs are simply impossible for her small township.

So, why is this happening?

Greed is at least part of the answer.

The OPP determines its own staffing needs and negotiates salaries with the province.

For 2014, payment for OPP officers is set to rise 8.5 per cent.

Sorry, I just puked in my mouth a little bit.

Eight-and-half per cent is a pay hike

that not only far outpaces inflation, but also the pay increases of virtually all other Ontarians, the folks who are paying the salaries of these police officers.

Cops in this province are horrendously overpaid, with first-class constables, a position that can be achieved in three years on the job, making \$85,000 per annum.

We're talking about jobs that require relatively little education. Yes, it's true that police officers risk their physical safety, but there's no military conscription at work here. No one is forced to become a police officer.

The next time you get pulled over for speeding, rather than giving the officer your licence, just tell him he's very welcome and drive away. Seems more than fair.

So, what's to be done?

Certainly organizations like the Association of Municipalities Ontario must continue to lobby the provincial government to reassess the system and to freeze the pay of police officers the same way it has for teachers and bureaucrats.

It should be frozen for several years. The exponentially increasing costs of policing are not nearly sustainable. They're audacious, egregious and, frankly, protest-worthy.

This almost seems like a crime. Somebody call the . . . oh, wait.



Chad Ingram
Reporter



letters to the editor

Thank you hospital staff

To the Editor,

My husband had occasion to go to emergency at Haliburton hospital twice at the end of October. On the second occasion, he was admitted for three days. As there was no space in the hospital, he remained in emergency for the duration of this stay.

We would like to say what an amazing staff our hospital has. The doctors and the nurses were professional, knowledgeable as well as

being kind and compassionate in the midst of a situation which was frightening for both of us.

We wish to convey our thanks to all the staff in emergency for making my husband's stay so comfortable, with excellent care.

How very blessed we are to live in a community with this calibre of medical care.

Doug and Mary Turner
Algonquin Highlands

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points of view

Masculinity is not dead

I WAS READING A column this morning that asked a simple but interesting question. Basically, the female author asked where all the masculine men have gone.

The short answer is Emerg.

But I think she was thinking more long term. In fact, she lamented that masculinity seems to be going the way of the dinosaur. And she said that, in her opinion, this was not a good thing.

God bless her. I mean, friggin' right.

I have always considered myself a masculine man but after finishing her column, it occurred to me that the fact I read it at all might cast doubts on that assertion.

So, after I removed my shawl, flexed my overworked typing muscles and poured myself a hazelnut latté, I pondered the question just a little bit more.

I asked myself, have I lost my masculinity or merely misplaced it?

Here's what I've come up with.

On the plus side, I have field-dressed three deer in the last month. On the minus side, I dressed them all in floral patterns.

On the minus side, I have a cellphone. On the plus side, I have no idea how to use it.

On the minus side, I am a writer. On the plus side, I write primarily about farts. By the way, the true mark of a manly writer is that he is not afraid to use the word fart at least three times in any one column.

Manly writers never write about their feelings either, unless those feelings are prompted by an old car, old dog, old T-shirt or old shot-

gun – each of which I have written about in the last year or two.

I happen to think masculinity is also alive and well in most of rural Ontario.

All you need to do is look at the number of chainsaws, tractors, snow plows, deer rifles and four-wheel-drive trucks per household versus the number of spa memberships.

Another thing I'm certain of is masculinity is definitely alive and well around my office – and not just because I routinely draw moustaches and eye patches on my

kitten calendar either.

No, it probably has just as much to do

with the fact that my lifestyle is based around the manly toys I always wanted but couldn't afford as a kid. That's right. I've got power tools and boats, long bows, GPS units, duck calls, decoys, deer rifles, fishing rods, shotguns and several hatchets and hunting knives. Most importantly, I've got a collectible Harley-Davidson Ken doll.

Actually, I don't and I'm proud to say that I have never even owned a doll – that I'll admit to. But, you know what? In researching that joke I did find a website called "Collecting Ken dolls – It's a guy thing."

Oh fart, maybe she's right.



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The man who should be king

SOON, FORTY YEARS and counting. You'd need to be Old Minden or a political junkie to recognize the 10 names in the paragraph that comes next:

Reg Booth, Sinc Nesbitt, Lloyd Walker, Lyle McKnight, Ray Moore, Bern Berry, Jeanne Anthon, Ross Rigney, Jim McMahon, Barb Reid.

Old Minden would know that all 10 folks on the list have had a turn (sometimes two turns) at being reeve since Murray Fearrey took charge up the road in Haliburton in 1975.

Fearrey has been reeve of Dysart et al ever since, except for one term when he stepped aside to give a young man named Chris Hodgson a political leg up.

Meanwhile, Minden voters have played a game of political musical chairs. Nesbitt and Moore each had two separate stints in office, so the job changed hands a dozen times while Fearrey soldiered on. Discontent trumped continuity.

The list could be even longer. It includes only Reeves of the old Township of Anson, Hindon and Minden in the years before it merged with Lutterworth and Snowdon to become Minden Hills.

Fearrey is expected to run and win again in next fall's election, but there could be a new posterior in the Minden chair if an informal group of citizens working behind the scenes to thwart Barb Reid's re-election has its way.

Let's call the Minden citizens' group ABBA (Anybody But Barb Again). ABBA has been talking to potential candidates for council

and looking for somebody to bump off Reid.

Everything is happening behind closed doors that must be louvered for all of the rumours that leak through them. We have no need for Rob Ford; we can make our own entertainment. For example:

– A domino theory. MP Barry Devolin is not seeking re-election so Reid can run for the Conservatives in his place. That opens up the reeve's job for Barry's brother, Brent Devolin. It sounds too far-fetched to be a grand plan.

– On the contrary, Brent Devolin runs *against* Barb Reid.

– Councillor Ken Reidpath, Reid's most dependable ally, challenges veteran Cheryl Murdoch for the deputy-reeve's chair, which she has told me she will definitely defend.

– Dysart councillor and Minden Rotarian Dennis Casey, who has property in both townships, considers taking a run at the Minden reeve's chair.

– Master fund-raiser John Teljeur of Gelert runs for something or other, likely council, possibly reeve.

– And the township's chattering class is some ticked off over what has happened since the last election. That's no rumour; it's a fact.

Some rumours have been on the street so long they can no longer be treated as secrets. No doubt the principals will emphatically deny they have anything in mind until they are ready to confirm it.

The domino theory is especially interesting. Reid campaigned openly for the Green candidate in the last federal election. The Tory nomination meeting probably will be held about the same time as next fall's election, after the close of municipal nominations.

Reid would have to decide which job she wants.

You would have to follow Minden political intricacies much more closely than I have to understand the depth of animosity toward Reid that has driven ABBA to take up arms against her.

Most of what I know, I read in the papers, but the marketing skills that got Reid elected in the first place seem to have eluded her in office.

In politics, perception trumps performance every time. In my limited circle, it's a long time since I've heard kind words spoken on her behalf.

In fairness, for all I know, the majority of locals and the weekend cottagers whose votes put her in the reeve's chair may still admire her. She may be unbeatable, for all I know. We'll find out at election time.

ABBA isn't likely to forgive or forget. Some of its members now working against her once were among her fans. I guess that's politics.

The thing of it is, if ABBA is going to such trouble to replace Reid, they'd better get the right person, or in four years we'll be going

through this again.

Dennis Casey, a determined and resolute organizer would be a good man for the job, but Jack Brezina would be even better. ABBA should get to work persuading him.

Brezina owned this newspaper before I began writing for it, but it is what he has done for the community that earned him recognition as Highlander of the Year in 2008.

Most significant of all his accomplishments was his role as chair of the committee that steered the county's hospitals and nursing homes into merging as the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board, which he would later chair.

There cannot be much more to learn about dealing with complexity, with layered, politicized bureaucracies and with public opinion once you have survived a process like that merger.

More credentials? Chair of the enormously successful Highlands Summer Festival. Honorary chair of Community Care Haliburton County. Chair of the regional review team for the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Fund-raising chair for the Minden Disaster Relief Committee.

And much more than that. It is his polish, his ability to deal with individuals, to get people who disagree with him to listen to his arguments that give him his stature.

He would be a formidable political opponent for Reid or for anybody.



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Township signs letter of intent

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Nov. 21 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

It's signed, sealed and delivered.

Last week Algonquin Highlands officially signed a lease agreement with the province through the Minister of Infrastructure, for the airport relocation project.

The agreement will see the municipality lease approximately eight acres of vacant land located at the Haliburton/Stanhope airport to be used as a base for the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The lease agreement will be in effect for 20 years, starting on Oct. 1, 2015 and ending on Sept. 30, 2034.

The provincial government will pay Algonquin Highlands a yearly rate of \$64,750 for the land.

The lease agreement was signed by Reeve Carol Moffatt and chief administrative officer Angie Bird.

"We're comfortable it has everything we need," said Bird.

Moffatt said the township has made sure local contractors will have bidding access to the construction work, which will be advertised in local newspapers.

"They may not get the contract but at least they had the opportunity to bid," said the reeve, adding she has had many conversations with the MNR about this.

Once construction work is complete on the property, maintenance will fall to the province.

Many visiting Dorset tower

It was another banner year for the Dorset scenic tower.

A report given by parks, recreation and trails supervisor Mark Coleman informed council that a total of 9,081 passes were sold at the tower this year, compared to 7,991 in 2012.

Recent facility improvements made at the tower include new brochures, entrance signage, toilets, parking lot expansion and a second gatehouse, wrote Coleman in his report.

Many of the changes were made with funding from the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Councillors discussed plans to install solar hydro for the new Dorset tower gatehouse, with construction to be done in the spring of 2014.

Partial funding for the project has already been given by HCDC, with Algonquin Highlands' share to cost \$15,000.

The municipality has already committed to the green initiative and will look at how they will fund it during their budget deliberations, said Moffatt.

New signs coming soon

Welcome signage for the village of Dorset will be installed next spring.

The new signs will be constructed out of stones and will feature Dorset in large capital letters, with the village's historical names underneath.

The design was conceived by the Dorset sign committee, which included Barb Townes, Clint MacKay, Steve Woolman and Donna Keul.

Coleman said there will likely be a ceremony in the spring for the new signs.

Council approved the design as presented.

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Santa brings out the Christmas spirit in Minden

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The Royal Canadian Legion Minden branch flies its flag and the Canadian flag at the annual Minden Santa Claus Parade on Bobcaygeon Road on Saturday, Nov. 23. Legion members also tossed out candy to parade goers.



Royal Canadian Legion Minden branch Sergeant-at-Arms Noel Swift throws out candy in the annual Minden Santa Claus Parade along Bobcaygeon Road.



The Haliburton County Red Wolves Special Olympics team show its Christmas spirit during the annual Minden Santa Claus Parade.



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MNR pilot program welcomed by advisory council hunter

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The spring bear hunt has returned to parts of Ontario, for now.

On Nov. 14 the Ministry of Natural Resources announced it was proposing a two-year pilot program that would see the controversial spring bear hunt come back to northern parts of the province.

Starting next year hunters will be allowed to legally hunt bears in eight wildlife management units in the spring, which include North Bay, Sudbury, Thunder Bay and Timmins.

The proposed hunt will run from May 1 to June 15, during both 2014 and 2015.

The news has many outdoor enthusiasts pleased with the government's decision, which comes following the cancellation of the spring bear hunt by the Conservative government in 1999.

The decision for the pilot came from feedback from the public, said Jolanta Kowalski, senior media relations officer for the MNR.

"We have increasingly heard from northerners and northern municipalities that they are concerned about public safety and human-bear conflicts," she said.

Kim Roberts has been a hunter for more than 30 years. She is in favour of the pilot program, particularly with the population of bears being sustainable.

"I feel it was all political motivation that it was cancelled, and not for the good of natural resources," said Roberts.

For more than 10 years Roberts has served on the Minden fish and wildlife advisory council, which is affiliated with the MNR.

Every year Roberts takes part in the fall bear hunt, which this year ran from Sept. 3 to Nov. 30.

She doesn't plan to participate in the pilot program because the permitted hunting areas are so far from Haliburton County. Instead she would like to see a return of the hunt as it once existed.

"I think it should be as it was before, I think it should be provincewide," said Roberts, who added her desire for its return does not come solely from the fact she's a hunter but on wanting to see sustainable wildlife management throughout the province.

Kowalski says at this time the ministry is not looking to bring the spring hunt back to the entire province, but will instead evaluate the success of the pilot once it is complete.

"A two-year time frame should provide sufficient time to evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot," she said, adding it is premature to speculate what will happen with bear management beyond the timeframe of the program.

Terry Quinney, provincial manager for the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters points to the rising number of problem bears throughout the province as what swayed the MNR.

"We have documentation ... of the tremendous increase in problems that were being reported by people here in Ontario after the cancellation of the spring bear hunt," he says.

The manager points to neighbouring provinces Quebec and Manitoba, who continue to have a spring bear hunt, as a comparison tool.

"They experienced no such change during the same period of time in the number of problem bear calls they were getting," he said.

Quinney says the return of the spring bear hunt reincorporates the benefits of regulated public hunting as a successful wildlife population management tool at a time of the year when it can benefit most.

"[In the past] the spring bear hunt had been harvesting about 4,000 bears each spring, and those were mostly males," he said. "That was assisting in controlling the size of the bear population but it was also assisting in reducing the aggression and cannibalism by male bears on other bears."

Equally important, the hunt was reducing the probability of dangerous encounters with bears and the public, says Quinney.

"We take no comfort in this ... but the OFAH predicted these negative consequences, predicted an increase in (for example) the number of dangerous encounters with people. We predicted that based on our knowledge of bear biology and population biology," he says.



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According to the MNR, the areas that were selected for the pilot program were chosen based on high levels of reported nuisance bear activity.

Apart from wildlife management and public safety, the OFAH points to the economic benefits for northern Ontario.

Prior to its cancellation, the spring hunt generated more than \$40 million per year in economic activity, according to a news release by the OFAH.

Those who live in bear country will have the most to gain from this pilot program and the OFAH is hoping the MNR turns the pilot program into something permanent, says Quinney.

"We hope [the government] will expand the geographic locations to include other communities," he says.

"There is a scientifically proven technique that can help people, help society and reinstate the stature of the black bear in Ontario as not a problem, as not a danger, but as a valuable natural resource that we can use wisely."

Roberts, too, is pleased with the MNR's decision, but would like to see more in the future.

"I'm happy that possibly they're taking the voice of the hunters and scientists instead of being politically motivated by the wrong person," she said.

Roberts believes the ministry could provide more bear education to the public.

The spring pilot program is only open to residents of Ontario. The program will prohibit the hunting of cubs or females with cubs.



NOTICE

Council Meeting Schedule for December 2013 & January 2014

Notice is hereby provided that the Regular Council Meetings for the Township of Algonquin Highlands for December 2013 and January 2014 are reduced to one meeting, and will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates:

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Thursday, January 16, 2014

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Truck loses load

A section of Highway 35 south of Dorset near Shoe Lake was closed on Friday, Nov. 22 and again on Saturday, Nov. 23 after a transport truck lost its load.

The highway was closed in both directions around 2 p.m. on Friday as a crane was brought in to reload the truck. The road was reopened and then closed again on Saturday morning when a second crane was brought in to finish reloading the truck.

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Koehler takes second at sled event

On Sunday, Nov. 10, ISDRA musher Karen Koehler of Algonquin Highlands took second place in the Adult 2 Dog Speed class in Harrow, Ont., hosted by the Sleddog Sports Association of SW Ontario. Koehler finished the 3.2 mile course with a total time of 12 minutes 48 seconds.

The Essex County Int. Dryland Dog Derby was sanc-

tioned by the International Sled Dog Racing Association and counts towards the International Championship Series for Sled Dog Racing.

Koehler's sponsors are Heat Line, Chocpaw, Back on Track, Haliburton Veterinarian Services, Sharply Source for Sports, Stedmans Department Store, That Place Res-

taurant, and Ravens Watch.

See Koehler's complete racing record at www.isdra.org/Profiles/report.asp?ISDRA=8777.

If you wish to learn more about sled dog racing or this event, please visit www.isdra.org.

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Santa Saturdays and Sundays at The Art Hive

The Art Hive welcomes you to the festive season with a selection of holiday workshops and drop in events on Saturdays and Sundays in December. From holiday decorating to festive wrapping and stocking stuffers, join us in Santa's workshop to create unique crafts. Enjoy free apple cider and goodies every weekend while browsing our selection of unique and locally made art and fine craft.

Saturday, Nov. 30: Card Making 1 to 3 p.m. Drop-in and by donation

Sunday, Dec. 1 and Sunday, Dec. 8: Personalized Holiday Ornaments in Clay (2 parts workshop) 1 to 3:30 p.m. \$50

Saturday, Dec. 7: Festive Gift Tag Collage 9:30 a.m. to noon. \$30

Saturday, Dec. 7: Holiday Wreath or Table Centre piece 1 to 3:30 p.m. \$30

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The Highlands Trio return to Legion Jan. 8



Legion br. 636

The Minden Legion was rockin' and stompin' Saturday afternoon as the crowd showed its appreciation for some terrific new material from The Highlands Trio.

Our thanks to Lois and Mike for lunch of beef on a bun and baked beans. Mark Jan. 8 on your calendars, when Highlands Trio will be back again with their country, bluegrass, rock n roll, folk and down-east style of music.

Sunday afternoon Sonny Lauchlan was the only NFL fan still grinning at the end of the Detroit-Tampa game. Everyone else had been rooting for the losers!

A cozy afternoon with the fireplace crackling and scrumptious food provided by volunteer bartender Rick Wilson.

Over in the games room, Linda Hopkins was coaching a newcomer on the finer points of cribbage. Next Sunday afternoon, come join the crib players or the NFL fans. Linda is looking forward to having more crib players, don't be shy, all levels of experience are welcome. It's a fun afternoon, no frowns allowed!

In last week's *Times* column and in the Branch newsletter, the Blue Beret, I said that there would be no general meeting until the spring. However, since we still haven't received approval from command for the changes to our Branch regulations, there's one more meeting, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

That one, I promise, is definitely your last chance until next spring to approve the upcoming plans of the executive.

You'll hear about the turkey dinner and the hams and turkey meat draw to take place in December, the President's Levee, and the Sheri Hawkins band coming at the end of January.

The one-by-one membership recruitment campaign is now over and this Friday is the last chance for members to renew as part of the early bird campaign.

Kevin Smith, our youth education chairman, told me that there were a total of 20 entries in the annual Remembrance Day poster, poetry and essay competition, including one student who submitted something in each one! Black and white and colour posters were judged by the Minden Art Club, and the essays and poetry by Jenn Watt, managing editor for the *Minden Times*.

All first-place winners have been forwarded to the District level.

They will compete against others in the same category and grade level, from over 50 branches in our District. Kevin is expecting to make presentations to those who placed first, second and third, so that students could have their cash awards by the end of December.

I am repeating a plea for volunteer cooks for our week-day lunches.

You do not need to be a member of the Minden Branch, and even one day a month would help fill in for some of our regulars who go away for the winter.

If you can help the Legion, leave a message for the hospitality chairwoman Thelma Lee at 705-286-4541.



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Above, Barbara Braithwaite, left, and Betty Sharpe were selling tasty treats at the St. Paul's Poinsettia Lunch and Christmas Sale on Nov. 21. Due to sewer issues at St. Paul's, the event was held at Minden United Church. The ladies thanked the church for its generosity.

Left, what would a poinsettia lunch be without poinsettias?



Lorraine Tabbernor was dressed for the occasion for the St. Paul's Anglican Church Poinsettia Lunch and Christmas Sale on Nov. 22. The event was held at the Minden United Church as there were some issues with the sewer at St. Paul's.

Christmas festivities underway

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Playing is winning this season for Red Hawks hockey team

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Winning isn't everything.
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After last year's of uncertainty during the labour dispute between the province and the teachers' union, everyone is happy to be looking forward to an entire season without threat of a cancellation.

So, when the varsity Red Hawks Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hockey team drew a packed crowd for its opener hosting the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons there was an obvious buzz of excitement at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Thursday, Nov. 21.

Coach Ron Yake said the 4-4 tie was an exciting game.

"There is nothing wrong with a tie. It was a good battle," he said.

The game was back-and-forth.

HHSS took the early lead on a Devon Upton goal from Owen Flood and Connor Dollo at 11:13 of the first period.

The Falcons player Mac Kea tied it up minutes later.

At 3:10, the Red Hawks centre Nate Feir's goal gave a 2-1 lead.

A little more than two minutes later Falcons player Owen Fawns tied it at 2-2.

The second period both teams' intensity seemingly lessened until the final minutes, carrying into the third. The Red Hawks easily dominated possession, coming close to scoring on several chances.

In the third the Falcons jumped to their first and only lead with a TJ Thomas goal.

HHSS centre Curtis Ballantyne scored his first of the season to tie the game with a little less than 10 minutes to go.

With less than five minutes in the game, the Red Hawks went on the powerplay.

Despite a few solid scoring chances during the powerplay the Hawks couldn't capitalize.

The Red Hawks' Jake Bursey goal for the 4-3 lead late in the game was scored on a strange play.

On a Red Hawks dump-in, the home side got a lucky bounce.

The Falcons' goalie came out to play the puck in the corner. It hit a protrusion on the boards and bounced out front for Bursey, who had a gaping net.

"That certainly was a gift. That's part of hockey," Yake said.



Above left, FFSS Falcons player Riley Young, left, is passed by HHSS Red Hawks defenceman Tanner Hamilton during a game at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Thursday, Nov. 21. The Red Hawks finished with a 4-4 tie. Photos by Darren Lum

"Those things happen in hockey where you get the bounce or you don't get the bounce. That was a nice bounce for us."

The Falcons didn't miss on their powerplay chance late in the game.

FFSS player Marc Dudman scored the equalizer from teammate Mac Kea during a two-minute minor with only 6:37 left in the game.

Even with an aggressive forecheck and keeping the Falcons pinned in their end for most of the final frame, the Red Hawks

couldn't put the visitors away.

Yake, who acknowledged the solid play by Falcons goalie Adam Harris, knows there is room to improve, but commended his players.

"We put in a great effort and we got the puck to the right spot at right time and made a few mistakes that are expected early in the year," he said.

This year the Kawartha League is divided into two tiers. The Red Hawks are in tier one and can anticipate a lot of tough games.

"I expect no easy games," he said.

Yake said there is room for improvement on special teams, pointing to a lack of time to work on the powerplay in the short pre-season.

"We've had zero practices with the powerplay and these guys have worked together with their other teams. They have something on the go there, but we'll have to definitely work with that. The goal with powerplays is if you score 20 or 25 per cent of your powerplay you have a good powerplay so one out of every four chances is our goal," he said.

The team has a lot of fresh faces with seven first-year players.

"It was exciting start for those guys for sure. First time they played with a Red Hawks shirt on and we've got a ways to go with everyone playing a bit better together as a team, but ... hopefully we have those guys for the next year and the year after. We'll just keep working with all of them," he said.

Yake said goalies Brayden Frost and Jordan Hamilton are sharing the net minding duties, playing an equal amount of home games and away games.

Frost will start the next two games.

The Falcons came into the contest with a loss, losing 3-2 to perennial hockey power St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School Saints.

This closely contested game built the anticipation for the Red Hawks coaching staff, who expected a tough game before it started.

Yake added being able to tie the Falcons, who narrowly lost to the Saints, was a strong indicator of good things to come.

"I think we'll be able to compete with every team and should be an exciting year," he said.



Darren Lum Staff

FFSS Falcons player Mark Dudman, left, Red Hawks winger Tyler Barry and Falcons goalie Adam Harris look for the loose puck in a game at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Thursday, Nov. 21. The Red Hawks tied the Falcons 4-4 to start their season.

Hawks outpace Spartans in home opener

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

It was a slow start, but eventually the best team came through in the end.

Persistence paid off for the Red Hawks Haliburton Highlands Secondary School girls' hockey team, who struggled to score through the first and part of the second period against the Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans in their home opener at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Thursday, Nov. 21.

The Spartans' goalie Courtney Crawford kept the game close through the first and second periods with solid play and some acrobatic dives.

"That was the difference," Red Hawks coach Dan Marsden said. "I told her: wicked game. She was definitely stellar in between their pipes."

The Red Hawks dominated with strong skating to take their first win of the eight game regular season, including one guaranteed playoff game.

HHSS player Erica Carmount scored the game-winner early in the third period after an early goal by Spartans player Alex Garbutt, which put the visitors up 1-0 for close to two minutes. Carmount's goal led to a deluge of scoring with four unanswered goals.

Although the Red Hawks do not have a single senior player, what they lack in experience they make up for in skill and the potential for execution, coach Marsden said.

"I told the girls we'll face some tough clubs and older clubs. We'll just have to keep working on simple things and if we can do those right everything will work itself out," he said, referring to passing and vision of play.

There are several players who play for the Highland Storm, including Sydney Cameron, who plays for a midget AA team, the Peterborough Ice Kats,

The Hawks played the second of a double-header home opener, following the boys' game.

HHSS player Alicia McLean finished with a pair of goals, including the second period equalizer.



Darren Lum Staff

Spartans goalie Courtney Crawford, middle, takes away the low shot against Hawks player Maddie Billings during the home opener at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Thursday, Nov. 21.

Red Hawks players Kelsey Maracle and Cameron also scored goals while Erin Little, Maddie Billings, Carmount, Cameron, Jamie Little and Maddie Allore added assists.

Jr Red Hawks season ends in final

The Jr Red Hawks football team lost yesterday to the Sydenham golden eagles 31 to 0. They were an excellent team, big, fast, and well coached. Our boys were disappointed that they couldn't get on the scoreboard but their coaches and fans were proud of their terrific season. The first ever team from Hal High to go to the National Capital Bowl Championship game. Coaches from Sydenham complimented our boys on their hard hitting and classy play, many opposing coaches this season have told us that our team always shakes hands and helps opposing players to their feet, win or lose! A great season for a great team, thanks to all the parents and fans for supporting us this very long season.

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Storm fall in close call

The Highland Storm Pee wee A team faced off against South Muskoka in the Minden arena on Tuesday night. The Storm opened the scoring at 8:46 in the first period with a goal by Nigel Smith on a rebound of a shot by Miki Bukta. South Muskoka evened the score a minute later but Lucas Haedicke put the Storm ahead before the end of the period with an accurate sharp angle shot to the far top corner on a pass from Shawn Walker. Early In the second period South Muskoka tied the score with a power-play goal. Action continued end to end and finally South Muskoka scored with 6:56 left in the game to lead 3-2. It was less than a minute later however, when Lucas Haedicke banged one in on a scramble close to the net. Tied 3-3 in a game that could go either way it was South Muskoka that put in the final goal with 4:24 left to play to win 4-3.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

Bantam AEs turn corner

Tom Prentice Trucking's Bantam AE Highland Storm may have finally turned a corner. In a week that started with one of the most devastating losses of the year, the team finished the weekend with two of its strongest games. On Wednesday, the Storm hosted the South Muskoka Bears.

Because of our strong showing the last time we played them, it was an opportunity to give newly acquired back-up, Ethan Howe, a shot in net. South Muskoka was first to strike but Devyn Prentice evened things up with a nice shot from the slot. Alex Wilbee's booming slap shot from the point put the Storm in front but the Bears evened it up again to equalize the back and forth affair. Before the end of the first Matt Manning's shot from outside the blue line found its way past the Bear goalie to make it 3-2. In the second, Zack Shantz broke free to score on a breakaway from the hash marks but South Muskoka answered with three in the period. Mitch Billings' nice feed to Alex Petrie allowed the winger to break in and even it up and it looked like that was the way the game would end. It was devastating to watch the Bear forward break free and nail it top shelf with only one second left in the game in front of the home crowd to win it 6-5.

On Saturday, it was Minden's turn to host. This time it was the top-tier Almaguin Devils' time to take on our struggling unit. All things pointed to another tough outing but someone forgot to tell the Storm because they returned with one of their best games of the year. Although Almaguin scored early, Jon Morrison struck back to even it up in the first. It was a fast, hard-hitting affair but the Storm responded at every turn. In the third, Almaguin briefly grabbed the lead but our boys would not give up and were rewarded when Alex Petrie scored

on the break away to even it up for good.

On Sunday, the squad travelled to Bracebridge for a late Sunday night. On this night, it was all Storm. Trevor Turner, Matt Manning and Alex Petrie's hat trick were the difference in this game and Ryan Hannah was solid in net when required. The team rolled three energetic lines and Ryan Manning should be recognized for subbing in solidly on defense.

Well done, boys – it's great timing for a turnaround. Let's make sure it continues next week in Port Carling!

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Midget B girls in third

The Minden Car Quest Highland Storm Midget B girls travelled to North York for a Saturday afternoon game against the southern Storm squad. The Highland girls put practice into play from start to finish in the game.

Erica Carmount opened the scoring (and the eventual game winning goal) early in the first period off a goalmouth scramble where she slid the puck past the North York tender. Kelsey Maracle went top glove off a beauty saucer pass from Alicia McLean for a first period 2-0 lead. In the second period, Cassidy Garbutt added to the lead (her first of two) with a quick snap shot that surprised the N Y S goalie and Maddie Billings showed great patience off a short-handed rush weaving her way through the defenders and out-waiting the N Y S net-minder. The Highland Storm 5-0 win was secured with a late period rush off a N Y S turnover where Cassidy Garbutt put a five-hole squeaker past the N Y S target. Great game girls with supporting hi-lights from Alicia McLean with a hat-trick of helpers and Connor Marsden's fourth shut out of the year.

On Sunday night, the Highland Storm hosted the Whitby Wolves in Minden.

Both clubs competed in a tightly contested game from start to finish.

Kelsey Maracle opened the scoring midway through the first period with a quick snap shot from high in the slot that surprised, and eluded the Wolves net-minder. Both sides traded quality scoring chances throughout the entire game with the Storm gaining a slight advantage in the third period hemming the Whitby club in their own end much of the third period.

Sydney Feir rounded out the scoring in the third period finishing off on a rebound from Alicia McLean's rush. The second shut-out win (Connor Marsden's fifth) of the weekend moved the Storm squad into third place in their loop with a 7-2-3 record – one point behind the second place Cold Creek

see HUNTSVILLE page 19

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Huntsville takes down Storm

from page 18

Comets. Great weekend of hockey girls. Next game is in Haliburton where we host West Northumberland Wild. Keep up the focused efforts girls as we push for second place and another kick at the can with Ennismore, Cold Creek and undefeated Otonabee.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Peewee As cream Parry Sound

It was a busy weekend for the Dollo's Foodland Peewee A team with a double header in Parry Sound on Saturday followed by a trip to Huntsville on Sunday. Storm scored first in game one with a short-handed goal against Parry Sound by Owen Gilbert in the second period as he caught the Parry Sound defence napping and slid the puck under the goalie's pad from the side of the net. Parry Sound struck back three minutes later. Miki Bukta followed soon after with the second Storm goal on the power play knocking in a loose puck in crease. Highland Storm dominated the game but took two penalties late in the game allowing Parry Sound to put in the tying goal with 2.4 seconds left on the clock leaving the score 2-2.

Game 2 saw Highland Storm deliver a 9-2 spanking of the Parry Sound team as the goals finally started to happen. Sean Walker scored in the first period with a long shot followed by goals by Lucas Haedicke on a scramble and Owen Gilbert with a high shot from the slot. In the second period Ben MacNaull deked the defence and the goalie on a short-handed effort. Zack Morissette then banged in a bouncing puck to put Storm up 5-0. Parry Sound finally put one in late in the second period but this was followed with two goals by Nigel Smith in the next 60 seconds first on a scramble and then on a wrap-around. In the third period Parry Sound managed one more goal but this was followed by Zack Morissette's second goal on a pass to the side of the net and Ben MacNaull's second goal on a two-on-one with a perfect pass by Morissette with just five seconds left in the game.

The Peewee A team faced a slew of penalties in the first period of their game against Huntsville and finally gave up a goal with two minutes remaining in the period. Huntsville scored two more times in the second period against a tired looking Storm team.

Storm played harder in the third period and were rewarded with a goal by Lucas Haedicke as he put in a loose puck after several Storm shots on net. It was too little too late as the Storm were defeated 3-0.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

Tough tournament for AEs

Haliburton Family Medical Centre's Highland Storm Peewee AE's travelled to Woodville this weekend for their first tournament of the year. The squad was in tough against some very good A teams to the south.

The day started with our team being simply being out-matched by a very good team from Sturgeon Lake. The game started well but the flood gates opened in the second period and Sturgeon never looked back to gain a 9-0 win. Next up was the Lindsay Muskies and again the Storm played quite well in the first period to keep it close.

Penalties killed any momentum though and Lindsay took full advantage taking control to win the game 5-0.

This set them up to play Lindsay again in the B Final. After two tough losses the Storm could have easily given up but it's a proud lot, this crew, and they deserve full credit for playing their best game of the tournament in the final.

The Storm carried the play for the majority of the game, pressuring the Muskies at every turn. Storm goalie, Jaxson Campbell, was spectacular, steadying the squad whenever the Muskies broke free from the relentless pressure.

There were several chances but the puck would not obey and despite the effort it was the Muskies who got the breaks to win 2-0.

It was a frustrating day to be sure, but to finish with a good effort and their head held high was reward enough for Jarrett Campbell and the rest of the coaching staff.

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Coming Events

Christmas Luncheon & Bake Sale

Friday November 29, 2013
(snow date Nov. 30)

11am to 1pm

Our Lady of Fatima Church

7 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden
50/50 tickets, Bucket draw & bake sale

Admission \$5



18th Annual Christmas Challenge



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to make the most of the Challenge have your gifts ready for pick up BEFORE December 16th. Early delivery to the workshops means the elves have enough time to prepare for Christmas.

This is the 18th anniversary of the Christmas Challenge. Whether this is the first year you have taken the challenge or the 18th year all gifts are needed. If you aren't sure what to collect simply gather local gift certificates. A value of \$15.00 each make is easy to top up gifts for families who have teenagers.

Call 705-457-6901 and book your gift pick up date early then start collecting.

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community calendar

Your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca Or email: jennifer.mceathron@sunmedia.ca

Nov 29: Christmas Luncheon at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden, 11am to 1pm, 50/50 tickets, bake sale, bucket draw. Admission \$5 (snow date Nov. 30)

Nov 30: St. James Anglican Church, Kinmount - Kid's Christmas Sale - Nothing over \$1 and we wrap for you! Bring your kids and grandkids to do their shopping 9:30 a.m. - noon

December 1: Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop - Christmas Open House 12.00 noon to 3PM. Free pictures with Santa, bring the kids!; Christmas Bake Sale; Refreshments, new gift merchandise, NO TAX; Mike Jaycock of Canoe FM will be on hand selling CanoeFM local artists Christmas Memories CD.

Dec 8: Country Music Jamboree located at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena from 1p.m.-5p.m. Admission \$7.00

Diner's Club Minden United Church: second Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon, at Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St. (Lower Level), Minden. Info Brigitt at Community Care 705-457-2941, www.communitycarehaliburton.com

Dec 11: HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic from 10:30 am to noon. The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more info. call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

Dec 12: MINDEN: Meet the Nurse from 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (144 Bobcaygeon Rd in Sears Building). The nurse can weigh the baby, provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.

Dec 15: The Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade is on again this year, starting at 12:30 at the Wilberforce School, ending at the Lloyd Watson Community Center and followed by a party with Santa in the Community Center. Fun for kids and grown ups!

Lots of Christmas festivities happening



Patti Fleury
Around the Town

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Well, here is a great question to dazzle family and friends with over the holidays: what was the new word chosen by the prestigious Oxford Dictionary to be added to its listings for the year 2013? The answer is "selfie." At first one might think it refers to Santa and a new elf on the team, but not so. Apparently a "selfie" is a photo taken of and by oneself on their cellphone or other electronic device then uploaded for sharing across social networking options.

The second highest word choice considered for this recognition was "twerking," that suggestive body posture and movement made popular by singer Miley Cyrus. Shades of "My Achy Breaky Heart," where is her paternal guidance from Billy Ray in all of this over exposure! Here at the old farmhouse we don't "selfie" or "twerk," in fact I'm not even sure how to spell the latter.

Condolences are sent out to the family of Bob Mitchell who passed away at Ross Memorial last week. Before moving to Bobcaygeon, Bob, Barbara and David were long time residents of Kinmount and good next-door neighbours to our son David and his family on Crystal Lake. Bob was an enthusiastic community volunteer and one of the "engineers" responsible for expanding the model railroad exhibit at the Pioneer Complex

over the Kinmount Fair weekend to its present impressive display and museum at the historic Kinmount Railroad Station. He was active in its promotion as a destination attraction during the important tourism season. Bob provided valued leadership to Community Care in Haliburton County serving for a period of time as its chairman. Visitation will be this Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at Monk's Funeral Home in Bobcaygeon with the Service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 in Trinity United Church, Bobcaygeon.

From the Kinmount and District Lions Club comes the news that the Angel Trees are up in several locations around town ready to receive your gifts for individuals and families in need of a helping hand. An unwrapped toy/gift or non-perishable items for the local food bank can be placed in the box under the tree at the post office, Credit Union, Shop 'N Save, Gateway General Store, the Kinmount Health Centre or the Kinmount Pharmacy on the lower level of the Health Centre. In past years apparently the two most difficult groups to provide a gift for are infants and teens. Gift cards can be a great choice for the teens. Also the Lions Club is again selling delicious Christmas baking items including both light and dark fruitcakes, shortbread cookies, truffles and much more. These items are available now for purchase at the Health Centre, Kinmount Pharmacy, Gateway General Store or can be ordered by calling Vic at 705-488-3053 or Dave at 705-488-2005.

It's time to reform and start being good with Santa checking his list here in Kinmount beginning at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Ringing of the Bells on Thursday, Dec. 5. Bring the family and head to Austin Sawmill Heritage Park for

6:30 p.m. and enjoy the warmth of the holiday spirit around the outdoor bonfire. There will be carol singing and after the official lighting of the tree a visit with Santa complete with photo ops along with refreshments in the Railway Station courtesy of the Kinmount Model Railroad Club and the Kinmount Senior Citizens Club. As well as being a favourite family/community event this tree lighting has a national significance as Kinmount takes an active part in the "Lights Across Canada" celebration. Please note the date corrected from last week.

Holiday traditions continue as Saturday, Dec. 7 as "Christmas in the Village" starts off a pancake breakfast with Santa from 8 to 11 a.m. at the community centre along with crafts for the children. Downstairs at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. kids can pick up a surprise gift. Around town locate Kinmount Kinney for a chance to win a prize and take advantage of merchant specials and horse-drawn wagon rides. At 2 p.m. families are invited to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount for its Christmas party for children with refreshments provided courtesy of the Ladies Auxiliary and gifts for children 10 years and under.

To complete the weekend festivities order your tickets soon for the Christmas Music Night at the Galway Hall beginning at 7 p.m. There will be desserts, a loonie auction with holiday items up for bid and entertainment with the Celtic Country Christmas Music of the Family Tyes. Tickets are \$10 for this event, which is sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development. Please call 705-488-2635/2687 for more information or to reserve your tickets.

Until next week...

Thanks to all those who helped decorate the town



Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

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Volunteers got together on Nov. 19 to make the evergreen boughs now decorating the village for the holiday season. A big thank you goes out to Joanne Buss, Jeannine Dunn, Grace Greenaway, Barb Kostenuk, Kerry Lock, Helen Walker and Darlene Webber. Thanks also to Algonquin Highlands staff Rick Morris for procuring the greenery and for putting up the boughs

around the village.

The weather was perfect, a bit cold, for the annual Tree Lighting which took place on Sunday, Nov. 24. Although it was chilly, hearts were warm and fuzzy with the Christmas spirit. Every year (and the records go back to about 1994) a special tree lighter is invited to light the tree. Our tree lighters this year have strong generational ties to the community of Dorset. Both grew up here - left for a time and then came back to spend quality time contributing to Dorset through their work as educators, their church and their family. They have helped when they can with many community projects throughout the years. They have a great interest in Dorset's history and continued success and have both been great friends of the Dorset Heritage Museum.

Our community tree lighters that kicked off the Christmas spirit by lighting the tree were Ruth and John McLennan.

On behalf of the whole community, thanks to St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church for preparing and serving the dinner, The Dorset Lions Club for contributing to the cost of the event and for helping with clean up, Algonquin Highlands Fire Services Station 60 for serving the hot chocolate and building a great bonfire, Darryl and Lynn Hollingsworth for providing the Christmas carols and karaoke so we could all sing along, the Township of Algonquin Highlands for providing staff time to help organize things and the space to host the event and to Janet Richards and Heather Moore of the District of Muskoka's Townships and Villages initiative for their great ideas and their financial support. Everyone had a lot of fun, making their own wrapping paper to wrap the gifts they chose at the free table and they also enjoyed the great chili dinner.

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my home email address which is malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at home at 705-766-0076.

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- (Owner & Operator of Minden
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peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on
Sunday, November 24, 2013. In her 62nd
year. Beloved wife of Jack. Dear mother of
Kyla, Garrett and his wife Tyla. Loving
Grammie to William, Grandma Lei to Jordyn
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Bonnie Burke, special aunt to Stephen,
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remembered as an honorary Mom to many.
Friends are invited to visit the family at the
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Obituaries

CLAYTON, George Hummel - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, November 23, 2013 in his 86th year. Loving husband of Joan for 36 years, predeceased by his first wife Lois. Father of Gordon (Debbie), Coralie, and Cathy Stephens (Mike), predeceased by his son Brian. Step-father to Jill Garvin and Lori Kunkel (Dan), predeceased by Byron and Jennifer. Best Grandpa ever to Brandon, Robbie, John and Michael of Minden, Wendy (Kevin), Tammy, Linda, Shelly (Evan), Bill (Lisa), Steve (Laurie), Erin (Kurt), and Meaghan (Jay). Great Grandpa to 15 great grandchildren and 1 great, great granddaughter. Brother of Kevin (Anne), Linda (Ross), predeceased by his sister Geraldine (Nate) and brother Wayne (Pat). Clayton will be missed by his many friends from Minden and all his travels. Many thanks to the wonderful hospital staff at Kingston General Hospital, all the doctors and nurses at Haliburton Hospital, Minden Hospital, and Haliburton Medical Clinic. Friends are invited to a Memorial Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Saturday, November 30, 2013 at 10:30 am. Reception will follow in the Church Hall. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME** Ltd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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HARVIE, Emily (nee Archer) - Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Sunday, November 24, 2013 in her 72nd year. Beloved wife of Harold. Loving mother of Clifford, Susan Bulpin (Michael). Cherished gramma to Dustin, Tasha, Cassandra, Dylan, Justine. Dear sister of Lyle Archer (Bernice) and Maisie Ferguson (Gary). Fondly remembered by her friends, nieces, nephews and family. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Monday, December 2, 2013 from 10:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11:00 am. Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Spring Interment at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Breast Cancer Research or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com



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County card scores

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November 18 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Marion Stickwood and Kay Godden with Joyce Ritchie and Lillian Mann posting the high scores. The afternoon's lows went to Barbara Braithwaite and Mabel Deacon while Deanna Cooper held the hidden score and our reporter Tim Sharpe won the special prize. The Club sends out a note of thanks to Marion Stickwood for hosting this week's cards at her home.

November 19 contract bridge at Club 35: The high scoring trio members were Muriel McIntosh 5,940, our bridge reporter Margo Davidson 5,920 and Ev Morgan 5,120. Jim Burrows won the draw with Jackie Metcalf awarded the Shiny Penny and Ev Morgan partnered with Lois Emmerson taking a Small Slam.

November 19 euchre at Lochlin: For the gents Gord Darby was high and Harold Harvie low with Gala Newell taking top spot for the ladies and our reporter Barb Carpenter low. On a cut of the cards Hazel Benetin won for most lone hands while Reta Crofts claimed the draw prize.

November 19 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Theresa Deak 346, Pat Roussel 325, Janice Davidson 266 and Eileen Shapiera 252. First for the gents at 276 was Marcel Roussel followed by Tom Grix 268, Bob Pollard 259 and Howard Smith 247. Betty Wagar also reports that Belle Walker won the major draw with Sharron Atkinson, Bob Pollard and Dwaine Lloyd claiming the smaller prizes. Dwaine also took a moonshot along with Clare Obdam, Jesse Barlow and Bruce Medcalf.

November 19 contract bridge at Minden United Church: The news from Nancy Balantyne advises that Jan Heaven led the scoring at 4,390 then Bob Taylor 4,300 and Dick Schell 4,010. For those interested in learning or improving their bridge skills Jan Heaven welcomes this opportunity to assist. The group meets in the lower level of the Church with a start time for all players of 9 a.m.

November 19 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Pearl Cowen reports that Diane Platt and Andy Broersma teamed up for top spot at 266 with Sandy Poulton and Merv Elstone next at 260. Third place went to Steve Walker partnered with Joyce Broersma at 254 while the afternoon's low of 112 was posted by Beverley Kerr and Margaret Oetelaar.

November 20 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Peter O'Connor and Margo Davidson led at 68 percent then Rob Eaton and Kathie Porter 55 percent and Muriel McIntosh partnered with Diana Spicer 51 percent.

November 20 bid euchre at Stanhope: Linda Lambert reports that Jean Dutka led the whites at 234 then Tom Orr 230 and Tom Macartney 214. First for the pinks was Jean Scadden 237 followed by Penny Elliott 229 and Margaret Oetelaar 210.

November 20 Big Bucks Bid Euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio members were Hugh Fountain 418, Pearl Lawson 357 and Cathy Hicks 352. Thanks to Rose Isaacson for the update on this event held on the third Wednesday of the month.

November 21 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Ida Young 243, our reporter Bev Johnson 240, Marcy Morgan 235 and Theresa Deak 191. At 257 Pat Scadden took top spot for the gents followed by Marcel Roussel 210, Ron Morrison 206 and Archie Ross 205. In the moonshot department Jason Peacock, Pat Scadden, Marcel Roussel and Albert Foster had singles with Bev Johnson claiming two.

November 21 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Theresa Deak and Murray Daniels with our reporter May Bradbury and Ron Morrison posting the highs. The evening's lows went to Pearl Cowen and Jesse Barlow while Bev Johnson, Murray Daniels, John Priestly, Muriel McIntosh and Anne Manning took home the other prizes.

November 22 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Jean Randell won for high hands, Judy Reddy for lone hands, Nick Boekestyn for low hands and Sherin Brown for the special prize.

November 22 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Rob Eaton and Peter O'Connor led at 72 percent then Tom and Margo Davidson 60 percent. Tied for third spot at 56 percent were Willie and Jack Cox and Muriel McIntosh partnered with Ross Davies.

November 22 bid euchre at Club 35: Pink honours went to Pat Marshall 258, Dorene Elstone 212 and Linda Voycey 196 while first for the whites at 270 was our reporter Jean Dutka then Merv Elstone 254 and Garth Windsor 222. Jean also took the single moonshot with Clara

Miscio holding the hidden score.

November 23 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: At 267 Donna McArthur led the ladies followed by Eileen Shepstone 227 and our reporter Sherin Brown 206. First representing the gents was Dorothy McElwain 273, Bev Johnson 229 and Pat Bailey 222. Donna McArthur also won the special prize while Bev Johnson, Sherin Brown, Theresa Deak, Emily Harvie and Dorothy McElwain claimed the moonshots.

November 25 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Marion Stickwood and our reporter Tim Sharpe with Betty Sharpe and Kay Godden posting the high scores. The afternoon's lows went to Ellen Holden and Pam Pappas with Barbara Braithwaite winning for the hidden score and Margaret Fletcher for the special prize. Once again Marion Stickwood welcomed the group to her home while repairs are being completed on the lower level at the Church.

November 25 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Top marks went to Frank Franzen 273 and Pauline Franzen 253 with a tie for third spot at 215 between Rae Dawn Shephard and Mike St. Thomas. Rose Isaacson won the draw and further reports that there were two moonshots over the afternoon going to Pauline Franzen and Mike St. Thomas.

November 25 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: `Winning for high hands was Maria Tschida, for low hands our reporter Sherin Brown and for both lone hands [on a cut of the cards] and the special prize Sandra Crockett.

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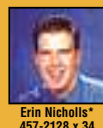
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